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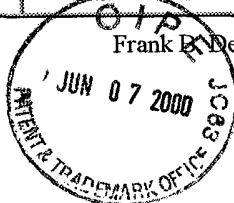


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Date Mailed: 04/27/2000

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Frank B. Dean and A. Fawad Faruqi

Serial No.: 09/514,113

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Filed: February 28, 2000

Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: **METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed April 27, 2000, applicants enclose copies of the following which were filed on April 25, 2000, in the above-identified application:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application with Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a);
2. Declaration of Inventorship executed by Frank B. Dean and A. Fawad Faruqi;
3. Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) --- Small Business Concern) executed by Molecular Staging, Inc.;
4. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) executed by Molecular Staging, Inc., with attached copy of the executed Assignment from Frank B. Dean and A. Fawad Faruqi to Molecular Staging, Inc.; and

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5. Check in the amount of \$65.00 for the small entity surcharge for late filing the Declaration of Inventorship.

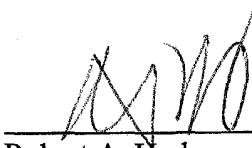
Applicants also enclose a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed April 27, 2000. Applicants received the Notice on May 1, 2000, after the two-month deadline of April 28, 2000, for requesting a 50% refund of the filing fees in the application, and had already filed the missing parts of the application on April 25, 2000.

No fees are due at this time. Please charge any other fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed to facilitate this process.

#### **Request for Corrected Filing Receipt**

Applicants respectfully request a corrected Filing Receipt to provide the complete name of inventor A. Fawad Faruqi, pursuant to the executed Declaration of Inventorship filed April 25, 2000. A copy of the Filing Receipt with the correction noted in red is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Robert A. Hodges  
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Date: June 5, 2000

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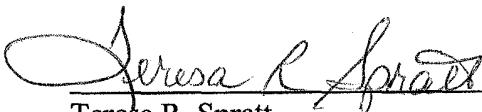
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application and Request for Corrected Filing Receipt, together with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Box Missing Parts, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
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Teresa R. Spratt

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Sir:

Applicants enclose the following for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Declaration of Inventorship executed by Frank B. Dean and A. Fawad Faruqi;
2. Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) --- Small Business Concern) executed by Molecular Staging, Inc.;
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4. Check in the amount of \$65.00 for the small entity surcharge for late filing the Declaration of Inventorship.

Applicants respectfully request a 50% refund of the \$1,854.00 filing fee in the application, a total of \$927.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28.

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Applicants have not received the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.

Please charge any other fees due, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed to facilitate this process.

Respectfully submitted,



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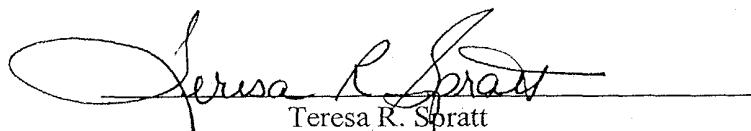
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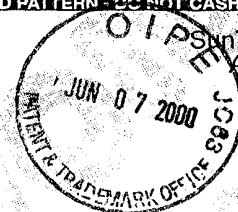


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MSI 100 - For filing fees paid to US Patent and Trademark Office for Declaration of Inventorship					Disbursements Total: \$65.00